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MINUTES

OF THE

WENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ANAAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held with the Good Hope Church, Jefferson County, Ala.

October 1st to 3d, 1859.

SATURDAY, October 1, 1859.

1. After the Introductory Sermon was preached at the Stand Elder H. G. Smith, the delegates to the 26th Annual Session the Canaan Baptist Association met at Good Hope Church, efferson County, and were called to order by A. J. Waldrop, the rmer Moderator, and J. H. Baker, acted as Clerk.

2. Letters from the Churches were read and delegates names rolled.

3. A. J. Waldrop was chosen Moderator, J. H. Baker record-g, and A. G. Waldrop Corresponding Secretary.

4. Ministers and Agents of Boards were invited to seats.

5. *Correspondence received.*—From Ten Island Association, Elder E. T. Read, Letter and Minutes, from *North River*, L. B. Harbin, Letter and Minutes; from *Coosa River* W. McAin; from *Tuscaloosa* Letter and Minutes; from *E. A. Convention*, Elder esse A. Collins, and Minutes.

6. *New Churches Received.*—Sulpher Springs, Walker County, Sulphur Springs, Jefferson County, Pleasant Grove, Jefferson County.

7. Committees Appointed.

Arrangements of Business.—Smith, McDonald, Huey, Waldrop and Baker.

Documents.—W. H. Wood, T. B. Ayers.

Education.—Baker, J. A. Moore, W. H. Wood and A. J. Waldrop.

Finance.—A. G. Waldrop and Joel Carlisle.

Domestic Missions.—Baker, Moore, Franklin and Vann.

Sabbath Schools.—J. A. Moore, W. M. McLaughlin and Att way.

Temperance.—M. K. Vann and S. T. Huey.

Foreign Missions.—J. Grimes, H. Riggs and A. McDonald.

Colportage.—Franklin, E. Wood and H. Moore.

Correspondence Returned.—To *Shelby*, H. Moore and A. M Donald, *Tuscaloosa*, H. G. Smith and M. J. Parsons, *North Rive* A. G. Smith, J. Grimes and S. Skelton, *Coosa River*, H. Moor W. H. Wood, J. A. Moore, J. H. Baker, P. S. Montgomery, A. Waldrop, and T. S. Vann; *Ten Island*, P. S. Montgomery, A. Waldrop, J. A. Moore, H. Moore, J. H. Baker; *E. A. Conventio* A. J. Waldrop, H. G. Smith, H. Moore, W. E. Beck, J. Carlisl E. Wood, N. D. Hulsey, J. Grimes, J. H. Baker, J. P. Herrin J. Martin, L. Myrick and P. S. Montgomery.

8. Appointed E. T. Read to preach the morning Sermon o Sabbath, Jesse A. Collins the Missionary, and L. B. Harbin the evening.

9. Agreed to take up a collection on Sabbath, half for Domest Missions, the other half for Indian Missions, to be sent up to th E. A. Convention. Adjourned to meet Monday morning 8 clock.

SABBATH.—The Stand was occupied according to appointme and the preaching was listened to by a large and attentive congr gation.

MONDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

10. The Association was called to order by the Moderator an opened by singing and prayer.

11. Read the minutes, called the roll, and erased absentees.

12. Received report on the Arrangement of business an adopted it.

13. Appointed W. H. Wood, Treasurer.

14. *Reports on Documents*, received and adopted, (A.)

15. *Report on Domestic Missions*, received and adopted (B.)

16. *Report on Sabbath Schools*, received and adopted, (C.)

17. *Report on Temperance*, received and adopted, (D)

18. *Report on Education*, received and adopted, (E)

19. *Report on Foreign Missions*, received and adopted, (F)

20. *Report on Colportage*, received and adopted, (G)

21. *Report of the Domestic Missionary*, H. G. Smith, recei ed, (H)

22. The Moderator appointed the following Committees, to r port at the next Annual Meeting of the Association:

Foreign Missions.—Baker, Huey and W. H. Wood.

Domestic Missions.—Grimes, Massey and Hammond.

Sabbath Schools.—H. Moore, Oliver and A. McDonald.

Temperance.—J. A. Moore, J. M. Franklin and S. Vann.

Documents.—Hulsey, Beck and Cannon.
Colportage.—A. C. Thomason, H. G. Smith and Moore.
Education.—Baker, Thomason, H. Moore, W. H. Wood, and Hagood.

REPORT ON DISTRICT MEETINGS.

1st District.—Will meet Friday before 1st Sabbath, Cahaba urch, 1860. H. Moore, to preach Introductory Sermon, A. cDonald, alternate. A. J. Waldrop, to preach Missionary Ser- on, *J.* H. Baker, alternate. Association is to be held with the ntral Church, Jefferson County, Saturday before the first Sab- th in October, 1860, 7 miles below Springville, and 23 above lyton on the Georgia Road.

2d District.—At Prude's Creek, Friday before the 2d Sabbath Sept., 1860, Rogers to preach Introductory Sermon, *J.* Grimes, lternate. Thomason, Missionary Sermon, H. G. Smith Alternate.

23. Ordered the Constitution and By-Laws of Association to be inted with the Minutes.

24. Letters to corresponding bodies read and adopted.

25. Appointed A. *J.* Waldrop to preach the Introductory Ser- on, before the next Association, *J.* H. Baker Alternate. *J.* H. aker to preach the Missionary Sermon, H. G. Smith Alternate.

26. Appointed *J.* H. Baker, H. Moore and H. G. Smith, to vis- , (during the year,) Liberty Church, to Ascertain the cause why ne has failed to represent herself in this body.

27. Dispensed with the circular letter for 1860.

28. Dismissed Harmany Church at her request from our body.

29. Committee appointed last year to visit New Prospect, re- orted by *J.* G. Delashaw, "if the church has been in disorder hey cannot see it now"—Committee discharged.

30. Request the E. A. Convention to appoint H. G. Smith a Domestic Missionary in our bounds this year.

31. Finance committee reported, (I)

32. Treasurer reported, (J)

33. Ordered that J. H. Baker superintend the printing of the Minutes and reserve 100 copies for correspondence, and be allowed Ten Dollars for his services, and have as many copies printed as the minute fund will justify.

34. Received a report from the committee on superanuated preachers fund, (K)

35. Appointed A. *J.* Waldrop and A. G. Waldrop to distribute the Minutes.

36. Ordered Treasurer to pay over all money in his hands to the various objects intended. Adjourned Monday Oct., 4, 1859, by singing and prayer. A. J. WALDROP, *Moderator.*

J. H. Baker, *Recording Scribe.*

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptised,	R'd by Lr,	Reinstated,	Dismissed,	Excluded,	Dead,	Total in Fellowship	Funds for Minutes.	Fund for Association
BETHEL,	ST. Clair,	J. P. Herring, J. Martin, J. H. Moore.	14	3	3	1	4		73	1 50	
CAHABA,	Jefferson,	S. T. Vann, J. Carlisle, M. K. Vann,	4	5	2	10	2	2	68	2 50	2 50
CENTRAL.	"	J. G. Delashaw,	17	1		4	1		53	1 00	1 00
FRIENDSHIP,	St. Clair,	J. George, C. Teague.	8	5		1			28	2 00	1 00
HEBRON,	Jefferson,	H. MOORE, J. H. Oliver, A. McDONALD, W.C. M'Laugh-	15	21		2	4	1	162	1 25	4 00
MOUNT ZION,	St. Clair,	R. Blythe, H. Riggs. [lin, E. W. Attoway.	8	3		3		1	107	2 00	1 30
NEW PROSPECT,	Jefferson,	Not represented.							10		
RUHAMAH,	"	A. J. WALDROP, W. H. Wood, J. McDonald. J. Moses.	19	4	2	14	2	7	133	3 00	3 00
SALEM,	"	J. A. Moore, J. M. Franklin.	2						45	1 35	1 00
BIG CREEK,	"	A. Golden, D. W. Franklin.	2	3	1	3	1		54	1 50	1 00
CANAAN,	"	J. GRIMES, J. Massey, J. H. BAKER,	1	8		4		2	56	1 50	1 50
FRIENDSHIP,	"	W. E. Beck, W. Hyche.	4	8					22	60	
GOODHOPE,	Jefferson,	D. Cannon, L. Myrick, M. F. Adams,		1		2		1	27	80	
HARMONY,	Walker,	D. W. Rhodes, R. Dickerson,	23		1	5	1		54	65	
LIBERTY,	Jefferson,	Not represented.							37	25	
MUD CREEK,	"	I. Hammonds, M. T. Parsons, G. Cargile.	2	6			2		38	1 35	1 25
NEW BETHEL,	"	M. Robins, N. B. HULSEY, P. J. Agerton.		6	1	1		1	43	1 00	25
PRUDE'S CREEK,	Tuscaloosa	W. Burchfield, D. Harris,	1	2		5	2	2	44	1 25	1 00
ROCK CREEK,	Jefferson,	H. G. SMITH, A. G. Walnrop, S. T. Huey.	15	7		1	1	2	97	1 25	1 00
ROOP'S VALLEY,	Tuscaloosa	P. Herring.	1	4	1	7		3	50	1 50	1 75
SARDIS,	"	J. L. Meggs, Z. Waldrop, A. H. P. McLain.					1		9	70	
SHADY GROVE,	Shelby,	Not Represented.	4	10		4		1	20	1 00	
SULPHUR SPR'G,	Jefferson,	R. Robinson, S. Wilks, W. Batson.							13	75	75
SULPHUR SPR'G,	Walker,	J. Davis, J. T. Davis, J. W. Hyche,							5		
PLEASANT GROVE	Jefferson,	James Lawson. H. Sellars, S. Brown.							13	1 50	1 50
UNION,	"	J. B. Draper, T. B. Ayers.		1		9			39	1 00	2 70
			140	97	11	76	21	23	1300	$31 55	$23 75

APPENDIX (A.)

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee on Documents beg leave to report, that we have had the same under consideration and we cannot appreciate too highly the importance of Periodical literature. It therefore becomes us as a matter of necessity, that the Baptist as a Christian Denomination, should not, nor cannot dispense with the advantages of so mighty an organ without periling those trusts which we hold as sacred, and with which, and by which, we are surrounded, and which imperatively demand that we should sustain and cherish Baptist principles, by means of Southern Religious Periodicals. We therefore, would urge upon our denomination not to let any means pass, without keeping pace with them, in our religious Literature, and our acts and doctrines as a denomination. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. WOOD, Chairman.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS (B.)

We your committee, after mature deliberation would recommend that the management of our Domestic Missions be given up to the E. A. Convention, and request them to appoint at least one Missionary to labor in our bounds this year, and that their agent be invited to raise funds in our bounds for said purpose. All of which is Respectfully submitted.

J. H. BAKER, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS (C.)

We your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report, as far as our acquaintance extends, this very important subject is much neglected, only a few churches within the bounds of your body have had Sabbath Schools during the year. We are satisfied this is an important means in the advancing of the prosperity of the church; yet the sparse population in many places in our bounds is a hindrance to this great means in building up the church. But whenever Sabbath Schools have been regularly kept up, much good has been accomplished. We would therefore urge upon our churches, if possible, the establishment of Sabbath Schools in every one. All of which is respectfully submitted. J. A. MOORE, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE, (D)

We your committee on Temperance, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that we have not been able to give the subject a thorough examination. It is painful to learn, some of the churches in the bounds of this Association suffer their members to indulge in the use of Ardent Spirits. Your committee looks upon the making and vending of Ardent Spirits just as sinful as the drinking of it. We recommend the Association to pass a resolution requesting the churches not to suffer the members to indulge in the sinful habit. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. K. VANN, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON EDUCATION, (E)

We your committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, would respectfully ask your body to appoint a committee to enquire as to the expediency and practicability of establishing a denomnational School within your bounds, and report to the next Annual Meeting of this body. All of which is respectfully submitted. J. H. BAKER, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS, (F)

We your committee on Foreign Missions, deem it an imperative duty upon all professing Christians to do all they can for the spread of the Gospel in foreign lands, and as an Association we are confident, we are doing too little.

The world must be christianized, and it is especially the work of the churches. Her money, ministers and prayers ought to be offered freely in the cause of God. All of which is respectfully submitted. J. GRIMES, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE, (G)

We your committee, would respectively urge upon your body, to use the necessary means to keep constantly in the field a Colporteur. The world is so full of infidel books, and weekly sheets filled with poison to young minds, and so many children are now being taught to read, we feel it a duty to future ages to have the Bible and other good books, sent broad-cast over the land. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. FRANKLIN, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF DOMESTIC MISSIONARY, (H)

I commenced my labours immediately after the last Association, and up to the 7th of July, served two months and four days, attended interesting meetings in the Fall season. (since July, I have been laboring for the E. A. Convention mostly within the bounds of your Association) I have Baptised 17 persons, travelled 540 miles, preached 28 sermons, made 169 family visits, assisted in the ordination of one minister. The field is ripe for the harvest, we should keep the field occupied. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MOORE.

H. G. SMITH'S REPORT.

I commenced my labors on the 9th day of Oct., 1858, and continued to labor until cold weather, I resumed my labor on the 15th of June. I travelled over the same ground gone over by H. Moore last year with some alteration. I have labored principally west and north of our Association. I have attended Fair View, High Hill, Providence, Ebenezer, Jasper, Camack's and Conway's School House, at which place I held four meetings; at Dosse's Creek, I assisted in holding a meeting of deep interest, with Hulsey, Holbrook and Stephens, which continued nine days, 18 professed conversion, and 24 joined the church by experience and were Baptised, and one by letter. I returned to Conway's School House, and held a good meeting, we received six members by Baptism. I held a meeting at Providence, nine joined by experience, 7 of whom were Baptised, ten professed religion. At our next meeting about 15 professed religion, and 20 joined by experience and were Baptised. I then held a meeting at Rock Creek, about 15 professed religion, and were Baptised, at the next meeting 7 were Baptised. I have attended all the places I could, but have not been able to fill all the calls. The cry comes up from all quarters "Come over and help us, I have travelled 1404 miles, preached 118 sermons, assisted in the constitution of two churches, and the ordination of 4 Deacons, I have Baptised myself 21, by brother Arnold 8, by others 24, witnessed about 65 professions. Opposition to the cause of missions is rapidly giving way,—we have nothing to do but go up and possess the land.

H. G. SMITH.

TREASURER'S REPORT, (I & J)

	DR.		CR.
Received for Minutes :	$ 33 05	P'd for Minutes :	$ 33 05
Association Purposes :	24 20	P'd Asso. Purposes :	18 00
Domestic Missions : :	167 00	H. Moore, Domestic Mission	65 00
Collection on Sabbath :	22 45	H. G. Smith, " "	102 00
Sup. An. Fund : :	63 20		
	$310 90		$218 05
	218 05		
	$ 92 85		

PLEDGES TO BE PAID AT THE E. A. CONVENTION, JULY, 1860.

A J Waldrop. $5; *J* G Delashaw, $5; T F Waldrop, $5: H G Smith, $5; E W *A*ttaway, $5; H Moore, $5; D Cannon, $5; J P Herring, $5: J H Baker, $5; P Herring, $5; H B Moore, $5; *A* Stevens, $5: N B Hulsey, $5; J Grimes, $5: I M Robins, $5; J *A* Moore, $5; W D Goggins, $5: J H Oliver, $5; T *A* Norwood, $5; *A* Sellars, $3; H Robberts, $3; J Carlisle, $2; T Jackson, $1; *L* M Robins, $5: J Martin, $1; H Riggs, $2: *A* Golden $1: G Cargil, $1; C Waldrop, $5; S T Vann, $1; L Myric, $2; *A* H P McLain, $2; J B Draper, $2; I Hammonds, $2; M J Parsons, $2: *R* Blythe, $1: J Moses, 1; J McDonald, $1.—Total pledged $133 00. T B *A*yers, paid $5; *J*ohn George, paid $5; J Wilks, paid $1: H Moore, paid $1; W C McLaughlin, paid $1; C *J* Teague, paid 50 cents.—Total paid to H Moore $13 50.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1st. This body shall be known by the name of *The Canaan Association of United Babtists.*

2d. It shall be formed of Delegates from all the Churches which may connect themselves with this body.

3d. Any Church may be admitted into this Association by the general consent of the members present, at any regular meeting.

4th. Any Church may withdraw from this body, at her own discretion, on application for dismission.

5th. This Association may, at any regular meeting, declare a dissolution of union with any Church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.

6th. Any Church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three delegates, and an additional one for every fifty after the first fifty.

7th. At each session of the Association, a Moderator, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, shall be chosen by ballot, who shall hold their offices until successors are elected.

8th. The meeting of the delegates shall be held on the Saturday before the first Sabbath in October of each year.

9th. The design of this body is to promote the cause of true religion within the several Churches of which it is or may be composed, by Demestic *M*issions, the education of pious and promising young men hopefully called of God to the ministry, and by other benevolent plans, so far as the Churches may enable it by their voluntary contributions.

10th. In addition to the objects specified in the foregoing article, this Association will extend its favorable regard to all the benevolent plans now cherished and supported by evangelical christians.

11th. As it respects the internal concerns of the Churches, this body shall have no authority, but shall be considered merely as an advisory council.

12th. As it respects the general concerns of this body, and for the mutual benefit of the Churches composing the same, it shall be the duty of each Church to forward with her delegates, a written communication to every annual meeting of this Association, specifying the names of the delegates, and the state of the Church.

13th. Any Church being thoroughly convinced that she has a member called of the Lord to the work of the ministry, and feeling it her duty to send him out to preach the Gospel, shall call from two or more Churches the aid of their ministers, who, in connexion with the Church, shall examine the candidate and if deemed qualified, may license him to preach the Gospel among the Churches, at discretion—which shall be reported to the Association, and entered on the minutes.

14th. Any Church in this body, having a preacher who she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister Churches to officiate in the work; and all Presbyteries in ordaining ministers or deacons, or in constituting Churches, shall be governed by the Abstract of Faith adopted by this Association.

15th. The delegates from the Churches shall be considered as holding their appointments until others are appointed to succeed them.

16th. This Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the delegates present, at any annual meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Rule 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a discretionary right to call to order at any time.

4. Any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet, and on obtaining permission, proceed, which permission shall be signified by the Moderator naming the person, or otherwise.

6. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, and every motion made and seconded, in order shall come under the consideration of the Association, and be decided on, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided on, or withdrawn, before another shall be offered.

8. When a question is taken up and sufficient time allowed for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association on the subject, and those in the affirmative of the question shall signify the same by saying aye, and those in the negative no. The Moderator shall announce the decision.

9. The Association shall be governed in all cases by a majority, except in the reception and exclusion of Churches, which shall be by two-thirds at least of the members present.

10. No member shall speak more than twice to the same proposition, without leave of the Association, nor more than three times, without the concurrence of three-fourths of the members, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debates have been carried through.

11. The appellation of brother shall be used in the Association by members in their addresses one to another.

12. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain leave of the Moderator.

13. The names of the delegates shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which has a tendency to interrupt public speaking.

15. the Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

16. Any member violating these rules, shall be reproved, at the discretion of the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

17. These rules shall be read at the opening of every session of the Association, and may be altered or amended when two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting shall deem it necessary.

15. Additional Rule. The Moderator shall appoint committees for the transacting of any business which may come before the Association from time to time, but the occasion and number of each committee shall be by consent of this body

SCALE OF THE CHURCHES.

Churches.	Counties.	Post Offices.	Pastoral supply	Clerks.	Baptised,	R'd by Let.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded,	Restored,	Dead,	Total,	Funds for Association	Fund for Minutes.
Bethel,	St. Clair,		J. Dickey,	T. H. Chenault,			8	4			60		
Cahaba,	Jefferson,	Truss,	A. J. Waldrop,	J. Truss,	14	5	1	4	1	1	84		
Central,	"		P. S. Montgomery,	D. T. Praytor,				2		2	49		
Friendship,	st. Clair,		C. W. Crow,	L. B. Crow,	31	16	1	1	1		75		
Hebron,	Jefferson,	Cedar Grove,	A. McDonald,	M. L. Inzer,	5	1	47	3			109		
Mount Zion,	st. Clair,	Springville,		H. Riggs,		2		2		1	108		
Rohamah,	Jefferson,	Rockville,	A. J. Waldrop,	W. H. Wood,		4	4	4		2	127		
Salem,	"	Mount Pinson.	"	R. H. Erwin,		2	1				44		
Big Creek,	"	Waldrop's Mills	E. Mitchel,	A. Goletin,			7				41		
Canaan,	"	Jonesboro'	J. Didkey,	W. T. Rodgers,	6	10	6	3		3	55		
Friendship,	Walker,		Not represented.	Not represted									
Good Hope,	Jefferson,		N. B. Hulsey,	D Cannon,	15						42		
Mudd Creek,	"	Waldrop's Mills	H. G. Smith,	M. J. Parsons,		3					41		
New Bethel	"		F. Halbrux,	W. J. McCrary,	16		6				53		
Prude's Creek,	Tuscaloosa,		E. Mitchel,		9	9			2		57		
Rock Creek,	Jefferson,	Waldrop's Mills	H. G. Smith,	A. G. Waldrop.		2	2	1		1	96		
Rock's Valley	Tuscaloosa,			Not represented									
Salem,	Jefferson,	Jonesboro'	J. Grimes,	A. H. P. McLane	1	2		1			10		
Shady Grove,	Shelby,	McMaths,	W. T. Rodgers,	J. E. Matters,	11	4	6	2			31		
Sulphur Spr'g.	Jefferson,	Elyton,	H. G. Smith,	L. E. Wilks,	1	4	2				16		
Sulphur Spr'g.	Walker,			J. W. Hyche,		3					9		
Pleasant Grove	Jefferson,	McMaths,	J. Grimes,	L. Brown,	16	5	9				21		
Union,	"	Jonesboro'	J. Grimes,	R. C. Rockett,	37		2	2		1	69		
Cedar Grove,	st. Clair,	Cedar Grove,		J. A. Moor,							17		
[illegible]	Shelby.										13		